

The Panda Book Awards 2010

Summer Reading



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For the past two years, students from international schools in Beijing and Tianjin have been participating in an exciting reading program called the Panda Awards. The program is run by a committee of librarians from international schools situated in the Beijing and Tianjin area, who work together to create shortlists of quality books published over the past two years. The aim of the program is to encourage children and young adults to explore the world of literature and to make reading a life-long habit. The four categories in the program target different age and maturity levels and feature titles that appeal to an international community. Since its introduction in September 2008, the program has seen some tremendous growth and in February 2010, more than 2,800 students in

eight schools cast their vote for the 2009 Awards. The readers' choice went to the following books and authors: *Aliens Love Underpants* by Claire Freedman (Younger Readers); *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney (Middle Readers); *Inkdeath* by Cornelia Funke (Older Readers); and *Life Sucks* by Jessica Abel (Mature Readers).

As the program has grown, so has our logo. Beijing artist Wang Hai Tao created a beautiful brush painting of a panda that has become the new logo for the Panda Book Awards.

In the fall, a third round of Panda books for the 2010 Awards will be available at the participating schools. These lists promise to be even more exciting than the previous ones. **Put the following titles on your summer reading list!**

Younger Readers (LES)

All the World by Liz Garton Scanlon
The Book that Eats People by John Perry
Chicken Cheeks by Michael Ian Black
Curious Garden by Peter Brown
The Lion and the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney
Little Beauty by Anthony Browne
Listen to the Wind: the Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson
Mouse and Mole; Fine Feathered Friends
by Herbert Yee Wong
The Pencil by Allen Ahlberg
Silly Tilly by Eileen Spinelli
A Very Big Bunny by Marisabina Russo
What Does it Mean to Be Global?
By Rana DiOrio

Middle Readers (UES)

Frozen in Time by Ali Sparkes
The Grand Mosque of Paris: a Story of how Muslims Rescued Jews during the Holocaust by Karen Ruelle
I Spy Fly Guy by Ted Arnold
In Memory of Gorfman T. Frog
by Gail Donovan
Messing around the Monkey Bars and Other School Poems for Two Voices
by Betsy Franco
Mudshark by Gary Paulsen
NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, Defense Society by Michael Buckley
Nicholas in Trouble by Goscinny
Perry Angel's Suitcase by Glenda Miller
Tsunami by Kimiko Kajikawa
The Unfinished Angel by Sharon Creech
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon
by Grace Lin

Older Readers (MS)

Along for the Ride by Sarah Dessen
Angel Boy by Bernard Ashley
The Book of Nonsense by David Michael Slater
The Carbon Diaries by Saci Lloyd
Children of the Sea by Daisuke Igarashi
The Day of the Pelican by Katherine Paterson
Fever Crumb by Philip Reeve
If I had a Hammer: Building Homes and Hope with Habitat for Humanity
by David Rubel
Kaimira: the Sky Village by Monk Ashland
Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld
Lost Riders by Elizabeth Laird
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

Mature Readers (HS)

The Adventures of Johnny Bunko: the Last Career Guide You'll ever Need
by Daniel H. Pink
Bone Worship by Elizabeth Eslami
The Boy who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope
by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
The Demon's Lexicon by Sarah Rees Brennan
Flash Burnout by L.K. Madigan
The Kids Are All Right by Diana Welch
The Lost City of Z: a Tale of Deadly Obsessions in the Amazon by David Grann
The Magicians by Lev Grossman
Shenzhen by Guy Delisle
Socialism is Great: a Worker's Memoir of the New China by Lijia Zhang
Stitches by David Small
Twenty Chickens for a Saddle: the Story of an African Childhood by Robyn Scott